only incidental to its activities. During the last three years, the revenue generation by Prasar Bharati is given below:

| Year | Amount in crores |
|---|---|
| 2003-04 | 569.79 |
| 2004-05 | 718.10 |
| 2005-06 | 1064.83 |

(c) A Committee was constituted on 30/3/2005 by the Government under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Information and Broadcasting for suggesting a viable capital and financial structure for Prasar Bharati to strengthen its functioning. The Committee has dealt and deliberated on the restructuring options available and submitted its Report to the Government. Its Recommendations are currently before the Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted by the Government to examine various issues pertaining to the functioning of Prasar Bharati.

**Enhancing the capacity of low power transmission centres in Chhattisgarh**

2942. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the places and the time since the very low power transmission centres of Doordarshan have been established in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the total number and the names of such centres set up earlier, whose transmission capacity has been enhanced;

(c) by when the capacity of remaining transmission centres is proposed to be enhanced; and

(d) the details of the action being taken to enhance capacity of very low transmission centre set up in Jashpur District Head Quarters (Chhattisgarh)?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI) (a) The very low power transmitters (VLPTs) functioning in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh alongwith their date of commissioning are given at the Statement (*See* below).

(b) No VLPT in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh has been upgraded to LPT/HPT.

(c) and (d) There is no scheme to upgrade any of the VLPTs in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh. However, a scheme for provision of auto switching facility at all the 8 VLPTs in Chhattisgarh (including Jashpurnagar) to enable them to relay regional programmes originating from DDK, Raipur during the allocated time slot has been approved. Auto switching facility at above mentioned 8 VLPTs in Chhattisgarh is expected to be provided in about a year's time.

***Statement***

*VLPTs functioning in Chhattisgarh*

| | Location | Date of commissioning |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Bijapur | 11.02.1998 |
| 2. | Devbhog | 09.05.2005 |
| 3. | Jashpurnagar | 27.06.1996 |
| 4. | Kondagaon | 28.06.1996 |
| 5. | Koylibeda | 08.12.1997 |
| 6. | Pakhanjore | 16.10.1995 |
| 7. | Pathalgaon | 30.03.2001 |
| 8. | Sarangarh | 01.07.1998 |

*VLPTs functioning in M.P.*

| | Location | Date of commissioning |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Alot | 20.09.2001 |
| 2. | Budhni | 08.11.1995 |
| 3. | Diamond mining project | 23.03.1997 |
| 4. | Parasia | 26.10.1994 |
| 5. | Singrauli | 04.12.1997 |

**Faulty T.V. transmitters in rural and backward areas**

2943. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :